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(INTELLIGENCE BUDGET)

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WASHINGTON (UPI) - CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER SAID TODAY PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD NOT OBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE TOTAL U.S. INTELLIGENCE BUDGET, BUT THINKS A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET FIGURES WOULD PROVIDE "A POWERFUL WEAPON" TO THE NATION'S ENEMIES.

"IT IS HERE THAT, REGRETTABLY, WE MUST DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN OPENNESS AND NECESSARY SECRECY," HE TOLD THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.

THE TOTAL INTELLIGENCE BUDGET HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC PREVIOUSLY.

TURNER SAID CARTER "DIRECTED THAT I NOT OBJECT TO YOUR RELEASING TO THE PUBLIC THE SINGLE OVERALL BUDGET FIGURES OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY."

BUT HE SAID A BREAKDOWN OR EXPLANATION OF BUDGET FIGURES WOULD PROVIDE ENEMIES WITH "A POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH WOULD MAKE FURTHER (INTELLIGENCE) COLLECTION MORE DIFFICULT, MORE HAZARDOUS TO LIFE, AND MUCH MORE COSTLY."

TURNER SAID THE BUDGET REFLECTS THE CHANGING NATURE OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

"OVER TIME, IT CAN REVEAL TO AN INTERESTED OBSERVER OUR AREAS OF INTEREST AND THE TECHNOLOGIES ON WHICH WE DEPEND MOST," HE SAID. "FROM SUCH INFORMATION THEY WOULD KNOW WHERE THEY WOULD PLACE EMPHASIS IN COUNTERMEASURES AND EFFECTIVELY NULLIFY ANY ADVANTAGE WE MIGHT HAVE."

EVEN DISCLOSURE OF THE TOTAL FIGURE "IS NOT WITHOUT RISK", HE SAID.

THE ANNUAL CIA BUDGET HAS BEEN ESTIMATED UNOFFICIALLY AT $750 MILLION, AND ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN PUT AS HIGH AS $4 BILLION TO $7 BILLION.

SOME OF THE ESTIMATES INCLUDE THE COST OF ENTIRE SYSTEMS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO SPYING, SUCH AS NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, HIGH FLYING RECONNAISSANCE PLANES, SPY-IN-THE-SKY SATELLITES, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL MANNING THESE AND OTHER SYSTEMS.

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